

NSC BRIEFING

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I. Most significant developments in past ten days of quiet have been new proofs of ChiCom efforts to improve air capability in coastal area.

A. IL-28's (twin jet bombers) are now based at Hangchow, which means that ChiCom jet bombers for the first time are within range of all ChiNat territory.

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Major construction work continues on three coastal airfields--Nantai (at Foochow), Swatow Northeast (six miles from Swatow), and a new site--Chingyang--22 miles from Quemoy.

II. On 15 April, a MAAG team completed a "combat readiness" test of Matsu command defenses.

They gave the garrison an overall rating of "satisfactory," but found four areas of

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III. Same MAAG team found morale of regular
troops on Matsus generally high.

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however, and their effectiveness and dependability reduced.

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C. Nationalist plans for withdrawal and retaining of all guerrillas being carried forward.

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